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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Bross

John:

I have read the attached memorandum. Certainly there are two sides to this argument, and Bob has obviously given a lot of thought to it.

While I have not had a chance to discuss this with [ ] if the Comptroller does in fact need the full use of a 501 system, it certainly could be argued that this should be placed in an excepted category along with NPIC and WALNUT.

I think that the personnel management problem is overstated a bit, and experience has changed my mind completely about the staff versus line responsibilities of ADPS. I originally felt that ADPS should avoid line responsibilities. I am convinced, however, that the present system leaves much to be desired; and I am prepared to see them undertake the line responsibilities for the operation of a computer system.

In addition, I feel quite strongly that the present charter of ADPS is most inadequate. It leaves them in a purely advisory role where every component having a computer can ignore them if it chooses. Whatever the decision is as to whether ADPS should become an Office of Computer Services, certainly the role which they play in the Agency's computer business must be considerably strengthened in the interest of economy and good management.

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 Memo dtd 3 May 63 to Compt fr D/Compt,  
 subject: Luncheon Conversation with Mr.  
 [ ] concerning Centralization of  
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